

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a front teleconverter lens system having superb optical performance with less production of aberration in spite of its compactness. The front teleconverter lens system includes, in order from an object, a first lens group FL having positive refractive power, and a second lens group RL having negative refractive power, and forming an afocal optical system. A diffractive optical surface Gf is arranged in at least one of the first lens group FL and the second lens group RL. The following conditional expression  $1.2 < \phi F / \phi R < 10$  is satisfied, where  $\phi F$  denotes the effective diameter of the most object side lens surface L101 of the first lens group FL, and  $\phi R$  denotes the effective diameter of the most image side lens surface L105 of the second lens group RL.

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